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## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WBFF-TV,

Baltimore, Maryland, along with the most significant  
programming treatment for the period of

January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority  
or significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

**ISSUE: CONSUMER ISSUES**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 22/10:17PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at salaries of area public school superintendents in light of how budget cuts will impact classrooms, students and teachers.

Broadcast Date: March 24/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Measures in Annapolis would raise the gas tax to fund transportation projects but in this Waste Watch reporter, Jeff Barnd uncovers transportation spending on some questionable traffic signals.

Broadcast Date: March 15/10:19PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: "Transportation Trust". Filling up at the pump is a drain on the wallet and now lawmakers many have violated your transportation trust as consumers will need to dig deep into their reserves. Jeff Barnd reports.

Broadcast Date: February 17/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Do you really need an oil change every 3000 miles. A look at car repairs...fact or fiction?

Broadcast Date: January 18/10:21PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Online shopping secrets...an examination of dynamic pricing...when halfway throughout your online shopping experience, prices suddenly increase. Kathleen Cairns reports.

Broadcast Date: January 19/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: An investigation uncovering government waste at its finest. 11 state employees occupy an entire floor of an office building costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. A Waste Watch report.

Broadcast Date: January 21/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Network  
Description: 'Hotmail Hacking'. Think about all the personal and sensitive information flowing through your email account. Now think what would happen if someone hacked into it. A look at one woman's experience

Broadcast Date: January 10/10:19PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: An examination of how poor math skills can make consumer ripe for rip-offs. Some companies are taking advantage and the result is that individuals may not be able to account for measures in times of recession. Megan Gilliland reports

## **ISSUE: ECONOMY**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: January 27/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Miranda Stephens examines how some local religious groups believe paying taxes is contrary to their beliefs. What is the impact on the state's revenue and funding of community projects?

Broadcast Date: March 3/10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: In this tough economy, many university presidents are consumed with belt-tightening and fundraising. The University of Maryland Baltimore, there's a different agenda and the president has a new prescription for academic health. Jeff Abel reports.

Broadcast Date: December 18/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Finding financial freedom is everyone's dream but a look at how two local families are challenged to realize that dream.

Broadcast Date: November 30/10:23PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Political reporter John Rydel examines how holiday shoppers may be spending more this year but still feel the effects of the lingering recession. The sluggish economy has forced many companies to shut down but local businesses have proven to be recession proof.

Broadcast Date: December 2/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Six figure pensions and double dipping are perfectly legal but the state's pension system remains underfunded by billions of dollars. Megan Gilliland talks with a renowned pension expert who has a warning for state and pensioners.

Broadcast Date: November 9/10:19PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: How much does the expiration date on food products cost families? Jennifer Gilbert examines the "expiration translation" and its impact on a family's spending power.

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Broadcast Date: October 18/12:23PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: The recession is not over for the State of Maryland but many counties still face projected deficits. Small towns are suffering the consequences. John Rydel reports.

Broadcast Date: September 29/10:33PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: When money is tight, many people are forced to cut back. But in Baltimore, that's not always the case. Jeff Abell examines how the city government is using taxpayers' dollars in frivolous and self-serving ways.

Broadcast Date: October 26/10:33PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local

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Description: Melinda Roeder examines the small business climate in Maryland and how the government might be hurting it instead of helping.

**ISSUE: HEALTH**

Program: B'More Health Expo  
Broadcast Date: January 1 – March 11, 2011  
Length: Various  
Source: Local  
Description: In preparation for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual, B'More Healthy Expo, FOX 45 News featured issues, screenings, health and wellness program, nutrition and healthy cooking, fitness, safety and injury prevention, new technology and treatments, and health and wellness professionals, and first responders in a continuing series of interviews, demonstrations and feature stories promoting actions one could take and choices they could make to be more healthy. On March 12, 25,000 people attended the FOX 45 B'More healthy Expo at the Baltimore convention center. Free healthy screenings, edutainment, interactive exhibits and demonstrations, and education was presented to address the priority need of health care and access to health care in the Baltimore community.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 16/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Network  
Description: A look at a new diet rave that many who struggle with weight are using. How do hormones and calories combine to make a dangerous diet?

Broadcast Date: February 21/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Melinda Roeder examines work at Johns Hopkins where researchers are developing a treatment to erase traumatic memories from the brain

Broadcast Date: March 1/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Extreme Workout. Pilates and yoga are not the new craze anymore. People are looking for the next big thing to shed pounds. Melinda Roeder investigates the next extreme workout in local gyms.

Broadcast Date: February 1/10:21PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local

Description: As some viruses mutate, they become resistant to antibiotics. The ineffectiveness of the drugs could create dangerous epidemic. Carri Pierce reports.

Broadcast Date: February 9/10:17PM

Length: 3:50

Source: Local

Description: A look at various ways consumers are attempting to prevent aging...from pills to produces to surgery, Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: January 29/10:19PM

Length: 3:50

Source: Local

Description: A new study finds that sleeping with pets can make one sick. Researchers recently found that pets can carry everything from parasites to the plague. In this Cover Story, Melinda Roeder examines prevention techniques.

Broadcast Date: January 14/10:18PM

Length: 3:30

Source: Local

Description: Anchor Patrice Harris examines how Ravens Ray Lewis is preparing of the NFL Playoffs and how his goals promote healthy and wellness everyday of the year.

## **ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Program: Straight Talk

Broadcast: January 1 and March 5/6AM

Source: Local

Length: 30 minutes

Description: What substance awaiting students on college campus. What every parents should know about drugs, alcohol, prescription medicine and energy drinks. Guest: Emily Davis, Director of Student Services, Towson University

Program: Straight Talk

Broadcast: February 5/ 6AM

Source; Local

Length: 30 minutes

Description: Discussion of the addiction of gambling with Keith Whyte, Executive Director of the national Council on Problem Gambling

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: January 20/10:22PM

Length: 3:40

Source: Local

Description: "Digital Drugs"...from pot to prescription, many teens are searching for their next big high...sometime the easiest place to start and explore...the Internet. Jeff Abel reports.

Broadcast Date: February 16/10:20PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A former drug dealer has turned to music to give back to the community. Kathleen Cairns reports.

Broadcast Date: March 21/10:19PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Melinda Roeder reports on the "The War on Drugs". Nearly 40 years after President Nixon declared the war on drugs, the drug crisis is getting worse. In Maryland, what strategies are employed and what's working and what's losing the war.

## **CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Program: America's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays 9PM  
Source: Network  
Length: 60 minutes  
Description: A weekly program featuring profiles on fugitives and unsolved crimes in which viewers' help is solicited to bring criminals to justice. The program also features missing children alerts to help identify them and reunite them with their families free. An investigation of the abuse.

Program: Maryland's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays/10:20PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 1:30  
Description: The News at Ten in cooperation with Maryland State Police, area sheriffs' offices, and the local office of the FBI presents a local "most wanted" feature following the Saturday broadcast of "America's Most Wanted". During the news feature, information about unsolved Maryland crimes and wanted fugitives is presented and viewers help is requested to bring criminals to justice.

Program: Fugitive Files:  
Broadcast: January 28, February 25, March 26 10-10:45P  
Source: Local  
Length: 45 minutes  
Description: During the The News at Ten, a team of Baltimore City Police Warrant Apprehension Task Force detectives come to the studio to focus on unsolved crimes and fugitives from justice. During the show they man phones to receive viewers help in finding fugitives and taking some of Baltimore's most dangerous criminals off the streets.

#### News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 23/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: "Stories from the Stop"...In every major city, there's an underside of problems still unresolved. In Baltimore, those problems are close to North Avenue. Jeff Abell hits the road to examine.

Broadcast Date: March 7/10:17PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Anchor Jeff Barnd goes 'Around the Block' to examine Baltimore's red light district, a hot spot for drugs and prostitution.

Broadcast Date: March 9/10:19PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Investigative reporters Joy Lepola examines the case of a grandmother searching for answers after a convicted killer is back behind bars for another murder. The man who killed her grandson got out of jail far sooner than anyone expected he would...and result, another murder.

Broadcast Date: February 15/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Michael Buczyner investigates a high ranking sheriff who allegedly works a few hours every day and takes long lunches at a local bar.

Broadcast Date: February 23/10:19PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Well known companies are hiring young kids with exceptional computer skills as hackers. Jeff Abell reports.



Broadcast Date: January 26/10:19PM  
Length: 3:50

Source: Local  
Description: Sex offenders are hiding in cyberspace using social networking sites like Facebook to find they prey. Crime and Justice Reporter Joy Lepola examines what that victims may b helping criminals online without know it.

Broadcast Date: February 2/10:17PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Jennifer Gilbert examines statistic that show that 1 in every 6 American women fall victim to attempted rape. What should women be aware of as to protect themselves from becoming a victim.

Broadcast Date: February 8/10:23PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: A comparison of DWI prosecutions in every Maryland county. Who's the strictest? Most lenient? Joy Lepola reports.

Broadcast Date: February 8/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: An examination of employees at the Port of Baltimore and their involvement in crime. Could their background make the Port more vulnerable to terrorism? Michael Buczyner reports.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH/FAMILY**

Program: Champions of Courage  
Broadcast Date; January 30 – February 28, 2011  
Length: 20-30secs and 4 feature news stories airing February 5, 12, 19, 26  
Source: Local  
Description: WBFF presented its 24<sup>th</sup> annual Champions of Courage programming to commemorate Black History Month. Celebrating positive role models for youth whose actions keep alive the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr; the station conducted an essay competition for student's grades 6 through 12. More than 4000 essays were received and 20 were selected to be presented by students. Each of the 20 student essays was broadcast a minimum of 8 times during February. Students received a \$100 Savings Bonds at a gala Award Luncheon on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of University of Maryland Baltimore County and a child freedom fighter in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement in the 60s, was the keynote speakers. Additionally, four community champions were saluted with a featured news

story relating how their actions and commitment to youth inspire others to be the best they can be.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: February 24/10:18PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Bullying is a growing problem across the country. A look at local schools and communities and how they are fighting against bullying. Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: March 8/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Should parents spank? In the US, it's legal but where's is the line and what happen when the line is crossed?

Broadcast Date: March 11/10:17PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Network  
Description: Spying on teen driving. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens between 15 and 18. A look at what some teens are doing to step up and make sure more of their peers are aware of the dangers of driving and what parents can do to protect their children.

**ISSUE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: January 5/10:22Pm  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: John Rydell examines what Ocean City officials are considering in efforts to replace a deteriorating boardwalk and how residents are fight the effort to replace it with a section of concrete.

Broadcast Date: January 17/10:22PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Joy Lepola investigates to see if Maryland roadways are safer since the ban on texting and hand-held phones while driving have been outlawed.

Broadcast Date: January 24/10:19PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: For Detrick Fears. For decades, it was the center of research into biochemical warfare. Now, Fort Detrick is the subject of an investigation. Are toxins tested and stored at the fort causing cancer and finding their way into the community?

Broadcast Date: February 10/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Howard county residents are fighting to keep a monkey sanctuary open. Kathleen Cairns examines the community controversy/monkey business.